

## REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated 7/1/2005 has been reviewed. The foregoing Third Amendment is submitted to remove the Examiner's 35 USC Sec. 112 objections by:

- a. Revising the first two paragraphs of the specification in the Description of the Illustrated Embodiments to remove erroneous component descriptions and change the numbering to correspond with renumbered drawing components to make them consistent.
- b. Adding a sentence "A sliding extension about the ram 26, not shown, may be associated with the ram 26 and seat such that the extension may be locked to extend the height of the seat" taken from Claims 4 and 11 to provide specification support for said claims.
- c. Revising the fifth paragraph to:
  - Change "first tube" to --valve tube 16--
  - Add "43" after fill port
  - Re-write the last line to properly place the "fill duct 34a" in relation to the fill duct 46 shown in the drawings.

The sixth paragraph was corrected to number the set valve as "48" as shown in the drawings.

The eighth paragraph was corrected to name and renumber the "bicycle seat 13" as --the seat mounting bracket 15--consistent with the drawings.

Substitute sheets Fig. 1 and Fig. 2a were then revised to renumber the parts consistent with the revised specification Description of the Illustrated Embodiments.

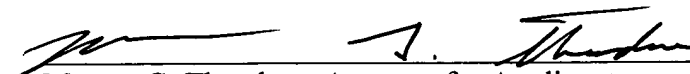
Claim 1 was then amended to eliminate the terms "its" and "type".

As the above changes incorporate language previously contained in the claims, drawings, and specification, no new subject matter was entered.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the above drawing, specification and claim amendments required by the Examiner be entered, and the claims passed for issuance. If the

amendments are not satisfactory, a telephonic conference with the Examiner is requested.

Dated this 4th day of August 2005.

  
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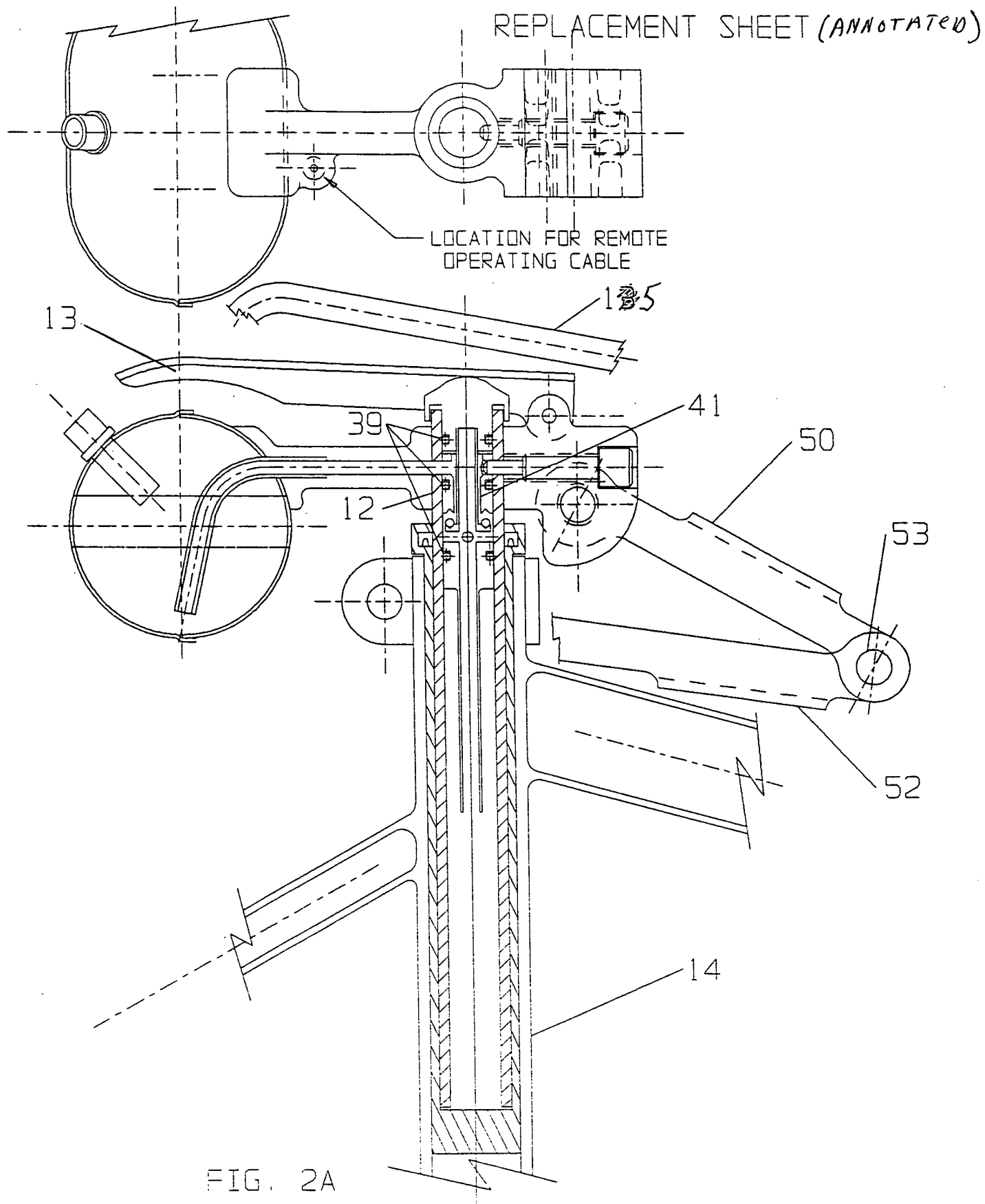
#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Third Amendment to the Commissioner of Patents, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005.

  
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### **Amendments to the Drawings**

Please enter the attached substitute sheets Figs 1 and 2a renumbering the components in accordance with the Examiner's requirements. A redlined copy is attached showing the changes made for the Examiner's convenience.



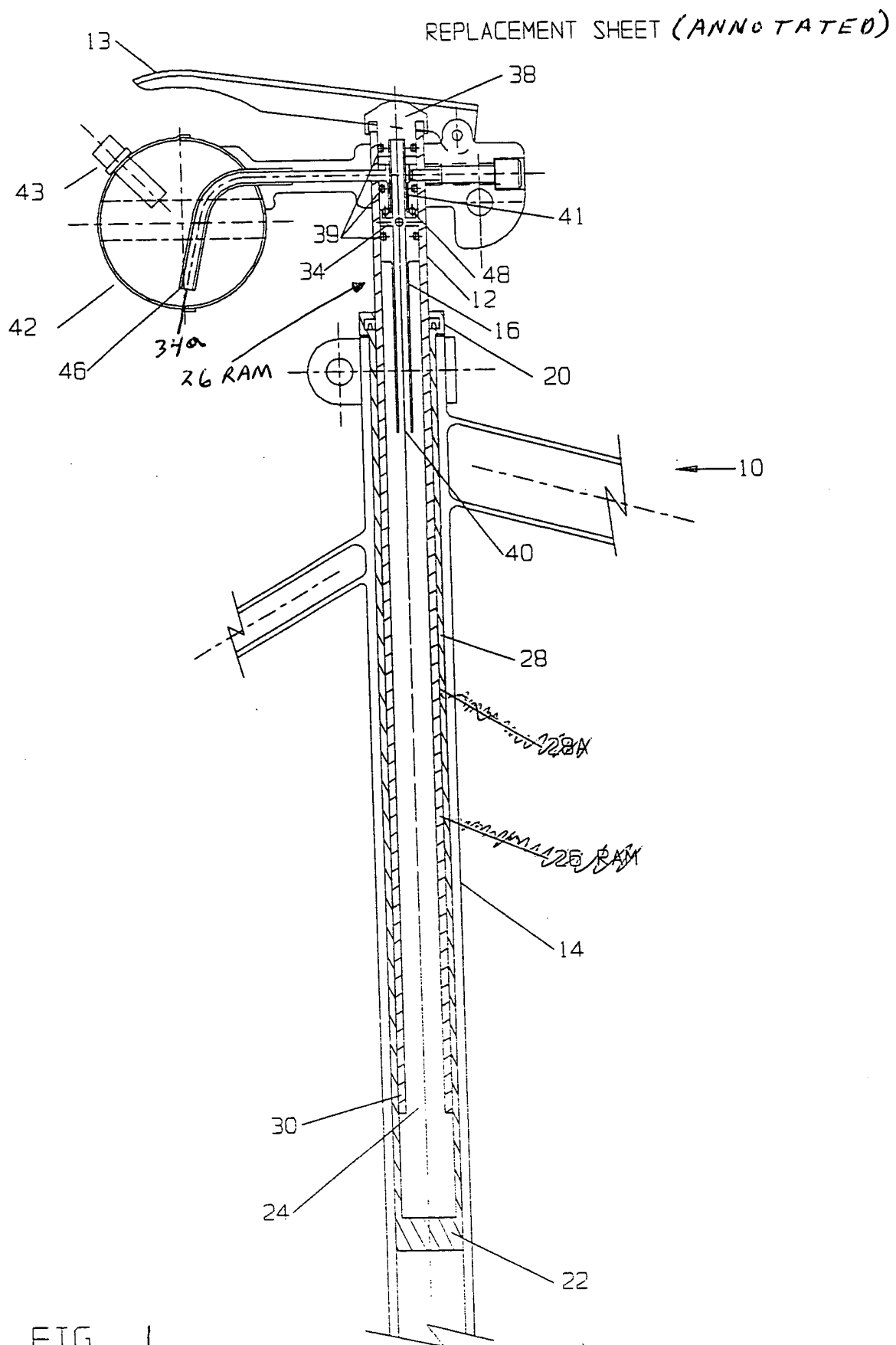


FIG. 1